

## Career Exploration Activity With ARIS

Students will learn ARIS software at [www.arisgames.org](http://www.arisgames.org). The teacher's method of teaching ARIS will vary. This lesson is based upon the idea that ARIS is mastered and they are ready to create this career activity.

The activity: Students and teachers will work with area businesses to learn what career opportunities are available in the community as well as the coordinating education required, salaries earned, growth potential, etc.

After the teacher has contacted businesses to inform them of the project, have students visit businesses to interview their personnel department regarding current employee positions at their business. This may take several visits to give employer time to coordinate information. They may be able to obtain salary and required education information as well, or complete research in the district's approved websites for career research.

The information from each company will be added by the students to their scavenger hunt as "items" to be saved and retrieved by anyone completing the scavenger hunt. The company is added to the map. Students can either access the business via GPS codes that activate their phone or iPad or use QR readers available at the business.

Depending on the size of the community and the number of local businesses, this could be done over the course of several years with several "coding" classes to keep adding businesses and updating information.

Depending on the age of the career explorers, this could be done as a field trip situation with transportation available for students, or if older students are using the activity, they could do this as a geocaching type situation and complete the scavenger hunt on their own.

The community appreciates the student interaction and interest in their business. Don't forget to use the school district as an employer. This is an excellent activity to bring business and education together.